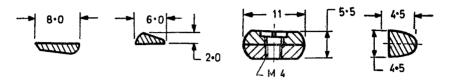


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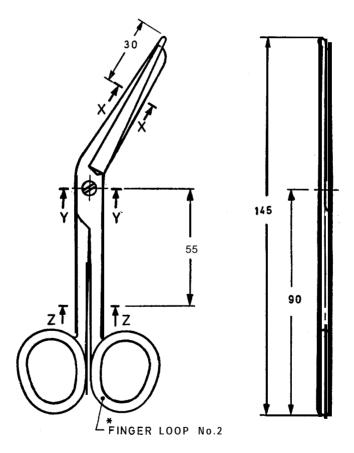
- 1. Scope Dimensional and other requirements for episiotomy scissors.
- 2. Shape and Dimensions- As shown in Fig. 1.



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*See IS: 3642-1966 ' General requirements for surgical instruments '.

All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 1 SCISSORS, EPISIOTOMY

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- 2.1 Joint Screw recessed type, conforming to the requirements laid down in 6 of IS: 3642-1966.
- 3. Material Stainless steel conforming to Designation 30Cr13 of IS: 6603-1972 'Specification for stainless steel bars and flats'.
- 3.1 The screw shall also be made of stainless steel conforming to Designation 30Cr13 of IS: 6603-1972.

4. Workmanship and Finish

- 4.1 The scissors shall be symmetrical and well balanced.
- 4.2 The blades shall open and close without stiffness and shall have a slight cross-over action to give a continuous pinch. There shall be no play at the joint.
- 4.3 The scissors shall be free from cracks, seams, burrs, flaws and other defects.
- 4.4 The scissors shall be finished smooth, passivated and polished bright.
- 4.5 All the edges shall be even. The edges shall be rounded except the cutting edges, which shall be sharp and shall not have any feather.
- 5. Heat Treatment The scissors shall be uniformly hardened and tempered to 550 to 600 HV.

6. Tests

- **6.1** Performance Test Use the scissors to cut wet tissue paper, teased-out cotton wool, fine hairs and frayed lint separately. The scissors shall cut them accurately and cleanly from pinch to tip and shall not show any sign of damage.
- **6.2** Corrosion Resistance Test Scrub the scissors with soap and warm water, rinse in hot water and then dip in 95 percent ethyl alcohol. Dry the scissors, immerse in copper sulphate solution at room temperature for 6 minutes and wash with fresh water or swab with wet cotton wool.

The copper sulphate solution shall be made up as follows:

Copper sulphate (CuSO ₄ .5H ₂ O)	4.0 g
Sulphuric acid (H ₂ SO ₄) (sp gr 1.84)	10 · 0 g
Distilled water [see IS : 1070-1960 Specification for water, distilled quality (revised)]	90.0 ml

There shall be no red stains or spots on the scissors after the test, but dulling of the polished surface may be permitted.

- 7. Marking The scissors shall be marked with the following:
 - a) Manufacturer's name, initials or recognized trade-mark; and
 - b) The words 'stainless steel'.
- 7.1 ISI Certification Marking Details available with the Indian Standards Institution.
- 8. Packing The scissors shall be wrapped in moisture-proof paper or packed in polyethylene bags, avoiding contact with one another.

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<u>Alteration</u>

(Page 2, clause 6.2) - Substitute the following for the existing clause:

"6.2 Corrosion Resistance Test - Test the scissors in accordance with IS:7531-1975

'Method for boiling and autoclaving test for corrosion resistance of stainless

steel surgical instrument6 '. The scissors shall show no sign of corrosion after
the 'test."

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